



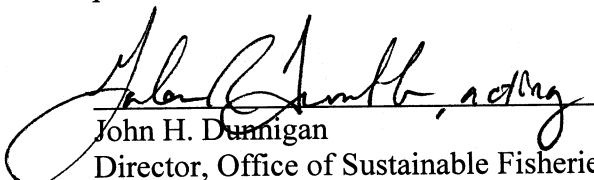
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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## NMFS ANNOUNCES SEA TURTLE TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR VESSEL OPERATORS USING BOTTOM LONGLINE (BLL) GEAR

NMFS is holding nine voluntary workshops in June 2005 to demonstrate proper handling, resuscitation, and release techniques of protected resources for vessel operators using BLL gear to catch sharks in the Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico. Fishermen using BLL gear to catch other species such as grouper are also welcome to attend. The workshops will also summarize the current regulations for handling, dehooking, and release of sea turtles and other protected resources. The meeting locations, dates, and times of these workshops are listed below.

Date (2005)	Location	Address	Time	Phone Number
June 1	NMFS Laboratory	4700 Avenue U, Galveston, TX	1:00 p.m.	(409) 766-3500
June 3	Coast Guard Station	436 Coast Guard Road, Venice, LA	1:00 p.m.	(985) 534-2332
June 6	Sea Grant Office/County Extension Office	647 Jenks Ave, Suite A, Panama City, FL	1:00 p.m.	(850) 874-6105
June 8	Harvey Government Center	1200 Truman Ave., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Key West, FL	1:00 p.m.	(305) 292-4431
June 10	City Hall	300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL	1:00 p.m.	(727) 391-9951
June 13	Sea Grant Building	3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa Beach, FL	1:00 p.m.	(321) 952-4536
June 15	Marine Resources Institute	217 Fort Johnson Rd, Charleston (James Island), SC	1:00 p.m.	(843) 953-9300
June 17	North Carolina Aquarium- Roanoke Island	Airport Road, Manteo, NC	1:00 p.m.	(252) 473-3494
June 30	Port Isabel Community Center	213 Yturria, Port Isabel, TX	1:00 p.m.	(956) 943-9991

This FAX notice is a courtesy to Atlantic HMS fisheries interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For further information and requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids, please contact Charlie Bergmann, 3209 Frederic St., Pascagoula, MS 39567, or by phone at 228-762-4591 or 228-623-0748.

  
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